

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were in the application prior to amendment. By these amendments, claims 1, 5, 12, 16 and 18 are amended and claims 15 and 20 are canceled, leaving claims 1-14 and 16-19 pending.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of former claim 15 and to obviate a minor typographical error.

Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of original claim 1 and claim 4 from which claim 5 had originally depended.

A just discovered obvious typographical error in claim 6 has been corrected.

Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of original claim 1 from which claim 12 had originally depended.

Claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of former claim 20.

Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of original claim 16 from which claim 18 had originally depended. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Fig. 3 is amended in the appended replacement drawing sheet by adding a proximity sensor with corresponding reference number 18 and an alarm element with corresponding reference number 19. A locking element with corresponding reference number 59 is added to Fig. 5. The top margin labels of the submitted drawing sheets have been changed to include the application serial number and to identify each as being a "replacement sheet".

Two paragraphs of the specification on pages 5 and 8 are amended to incorporate the new reference numbers for the lock, proximity sensor and alarm elements.

The drawing amendments show elements which are described in the original specification and claims sufficiently for comprehension by one of ordinary skill in this art. Thus, no new matter is being added. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the drawings conform with rule 1.83(a) and requests approval of the replacement sheets and removal of the objection to the drawings.

Applicant very much appreciates the Examiner's finding that the subject matter of claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 15, 18 and 20 is patentable.

The claims have been amended by rewriting the allowable claimed subject matter in form independent of rejected claims. More specifically, the subject matter of claim 15 is now defined in claim 1, which also renders dependent claims 2-4, 7-11 and 14 patentable. The subject matter of prior claim 1 is defined in each of claims 5 and 12, which also renders patentable respective dependent claims 6 and 13. Subject matter of former claim 20 is incorporated into claim 16 which thus makes claims 17 and 19 patentable. The subject matter of claim 18 has been made patentable by incorporating the limitations of former claim 16.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1-14 and 16-19 be allowed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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